

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, the average cost of a gallon of unregulated gasoline in Columbia, South Carolina, is 72 cents higher than the price of May 2005.

Yesterday, I met with dozens of constituents at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce building who expressed their serious concerns about the rising gas prices and America's energy crisis. Fortunately, Republican leaders have announced a series of realistic, short-term steps to reduce the cost of gasoline. By opening up ANWR, banning price gouging, streamlining boutique fuels, and encouraging innovation for advancements in hydrogen technology, we are supporting realistic measures that will immediately help American families.

As we continue to actively address America's energy needs, Minority Leader PELOSI and House Democrats should support this critical mission. Gas prices continue to soar, and our country cannot afford for Democrats to continue to support policies that restrict American energy supplies.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### IRAQ INSURGENT'S EUROPEAN FUNDRAISING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we know that the Iraqi insurgent terrorists are shameless in their conduct. From blowing up crowded streets full of citizens to beheading innocent noncombatants, their ruthless brand of violence is well documented. What is not so well known is the funding sources these terrorists use to carry out their atrocities.

Thanks to the leadership of my colleague, SUE KELLY, some of the most outrageous fundraising sources for the Iraqi terrorists have recently come to light.

One fundraising campaign, called 10 Euros for Resistance, uses posters of bloody American soldiers to solicit funding in Europe. So far, it appears the terrorist extremists have found sympathetic radicals in more than one European country to donate to their cause. The funding is then funneled to Iraq, where insurgent terrorists use it to finance more attacks on American forces and innocent civilians.

This is an outrage, Mr. Speaker; and I applaud Congresswoman KELLY's efforts to call attention to it. European countries should be doing all they can to stop this fundraising practice within their borders. I do not think that is too much to ask of our allies.

#### MEDICARE PART D

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share yet another Medicare

part D success story. My colleagues might have noticed that I am sharing a different success story each week, which is pretty easy to do because the stories just keep rolling in. This week I would like to tell you about Mae Thacker of Bartow County, Georgia.

Mae and her husband came into my office unhappy. They had heard some disparaging things about Medicare part D and weren't sure if the program would even save them any money. Fortunately, the more the Thackers learned about part D, the more they wanted to enroll, another case of reality trumping rhetoric. I am happy to report that Mae Thacker is now signed up for a prescription drug plan, and her monthly medicine bill has dropped from \$780 to \$180.

Mr. Speaker, the May 15 enrollment deadline is less than 2 weeks away. Enrolled seniors are saving an average of \$1,100 a year with Medicare part D, \$3,700 a year for low-income seniors.

So my message to seniors is this: Sign up now and start saving.

#### TOP 100 HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF TEXAS. Mr. Speaker, each year Newsweek recognizes the top 100 schools in the United States. At the very top of the list, number one and number eight are right in the middle of my district. Not a pretty area, but wonderful education.

I am very proud to announce that the School for Talented and Gifted at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center was recognized as the number one high school in the country. Additionally, the School of Science and Engineering at the same school was ranked number eight.

For those who live in Dallas, this honor comes as no surprise. The President visited earlier this year, and each day talented students are challenged with rigorous coursework and provided with an outstanding teacher environment. Townview truly excels and proves that, it really proves that children, given the right environment, can learn.

Townview Center has managed to bridge the achievement gap that exists in schools throughout this country. Two-thirds of Townview students are minorities. These students are not only passing, they are excelling.

Townview has recognized that we must provide all of our students with the opportunity to pursue higher education. It is this commitment to success that distinguishes Townview.

I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School of Science and Engineering on this honor.

And also commend the leadership and commitment of Superintendent Hinojosa, Executive Principal Alice Black, Principal Michael Satarino, and Principal Richard White.

#### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION PART D

(Ms. HART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, the results are in on the new prescription drug program, and they are very encouraging. Nowhere is the success of this new prescription drug benefit more apparent than my home State of Pennsylvania.

Take these statistics into consideration. As of April 1, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians have enrolled in the new program. In my district alone, 73 percent of Medicare beneficiaries now have prescription drug coverage, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services project that that number will be near 100 percent by the end of this year.

With the May 15 enrollment deadline fast approaching, we should be doing everything we can to help seniors enroll in the new part D program so they can realize the incredible savings the plan offers.

Take the story about Tom and Dolores from Pittsburgh. Tom and Dolores need about a dozen medications, and they feared that they soon would not be able to afford these medicines. They were also afraid that they would not be able to find a plan in their prescription drug program that would cover all the medications that they need as well as their costs. With help from their Medicare Today counselor, both Tom and Dolores found plans that work for them. They now expect to save over \$2,000 a year on their costs.

I encourage any Medicare recipient who is not yet enrolled to seek some information from Medicare Today and find out the savings it offers through Medicare part D.

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#### DEFENDING AMERICA

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I think it is wise for all of us to remind ourselves every day that our primary purpose for being here is defending this country against military threats and defending the constitutional rights of our citizens. In terms of defending this country, we have to continue to remind ourselves every day that there is a growing military build-up in China that is unprecedented in the world. We face an ideological enemy in terrorism that if left unchecked will mean humanity will ultimately never sleep again.

We face a growing nuclear threat in Iran that could destabilize the whole world in a matter of months or years.

Those who would undermine the defense of this country for political purposes disgrace this body and disgrace America. I pray that we will always remember, as George Orwell said, that we

sleep in our beds safe at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

May we continue to defend this Nation. May we continue to defend the constitutional rights of our citizens, and may we always remind ourselves of the price that military heroes of the past have paid so that can happen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### EARL D. HUTTO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5107) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5107

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. EARL D. HUTTO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks, and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5107, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER), would designate the post office building in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building." All Members of the Florida

delegation have cosponsored this delegation.

Earl Hutto was born near Midland City, Alabama, and was educated in the public schools, graduating from Dale County High School in Ozark, Alabama. He served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman first class aboard heavy cruiser USS *Bremerton*. After graduating with degrees in business, English, and education in 1949, he went on to teach business at Cottonwood High School in Alabama for 2 years.

Later in his professional life, Hutto became the program director, sports director and announcer for WDIG in Dothan, Alabama, for 3 years. As his television career developed, he relocated to the State of Florida and became the sports director and State news editor of WJHG-TV in Panama City, Florida.

In 1972, he was elected to the Florida house of representatives where he served three terms. In 1978, he was elected to the U.S. Congress and served eight terms until his retirement in 1995. His dedication to Florida politics earned him such awards as Legislator of the Year by the Florida Association of Retarded Citizens, Legislator of the Year by the Florida Community College Association, and was named Watchdog of the Treasury for six straight Congresses.

I urge all Members to pay homage to a legislator who was truly dedicated to working for his constituents in every way by passing H.R. 5107.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5107, legislation naming the postal facility in Pensacola, Florida, after Earl D. Hutto.

This measure, sponsored by Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida, has been cosponsored by the entire Florida delegation.

Earl Hutto was born in Alabama on May 12, 1926. He attended Dale County public schools and graduated from Troy State University. He did graduate work in broadcasting and served in World War II in the United States Navy. Prior to serving in the Florida legislature, Earl Hutto worked as a sports director and president of radio stations. He was elected to the Florida legislature in 1972 and reelected in 1974 and 1976.

In 1979, Earl Hutto was elected to represent the First Congressional District of Florida in the U.S. Congress where he served until 1995 when he did not seek reelection. Since then, former Representative Hutto has retired and remains active in his Pensacola community. It is my understanding that Representative Hutto will be celebrating his 80th birthday on May 12. I am sure my colleagues join me in wishing him a great day and many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the political legacy of Earl Hutto and urge the swift passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER).

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of renaming the Jordan Street Post Office in Pensacola to the Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building.

Congressman Hutto represented the First Congressional District from 1978 to 1994. An interesting piece of trivia is that Mr. Hutto's initial congressional office was, in fact, temporarily located in what is now called the Jordan Street Post Office Building.

Congressman Hutto's life is a tale of a man who has achieved the American Dream. Born into a poor, hardworking family in Midland City, Alabama, Earl was the first in his family to graduate from high school and to graduate from college. After several years in the broadcasting business and earning the nickname Captain Supreme from participating in an ice cream commercial, Congressman Hutto entered the life of public service. In 1972, he began his distinguished career in the Florida house of representatives, serving three terms there before running for the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1978, like all new Members of Congress in search of office space, Mr. Hutto was lucky enough to draw number 43 in the House lottery to choose his new office space. Drawing the slip of paper with a room on the fifth floor of Cannon on it, the next day the Pensacola News Journal, our home town newspaper, ran the headline, "Hutto in Old Attic." Like many of us, his desk was here in Washington; however, his home and his heart were planted in Florida's gulf coast.

Congressman Hutto quickly earned the respect of his peers and his colleagues in Washington with his commonsense and straightforward dealings on legislative matters. With a conservative home district, he was known by his constituents as a "Boll Weevil," a group of fiscally and socially conservative Southern Democrats.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, he worked tirelessly for the benefit of our military men and women at home and overseas. Under his leadership, he helped create the U.S. Special Operations Command in which the Joint Special Operations University resides on Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Congressman Hutto learned early on with God and family as your moral compass, you cannot be steered wrong. As a family man, he is quick to credit his wife, Nancy, and his two daughters, Lori Hutto and Amy Stubblefield, for his accomplishments and strength of character.